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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Donald E. Abrino, John Crooks, Ronald Barrett, and Shyam Miglani

Application No.: 10/726,086

Group No.: 1742

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Examiner: Scott R. Kastler

For: REFRACTORY LINING FOR METALLURGICAL VESSEL

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	21	– 21	= 0	x \$ 18.00	= \$ 0.00		
INDEP.	5	– 5	= 0	x \$ 86.00	= \$ 0.00		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 0.00	= \$ 0.00		
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$ 0.00		

No additional fee for claims is required.

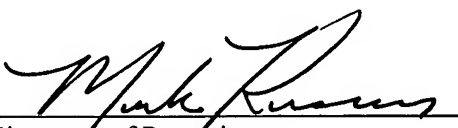
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. continuation patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Terminal Disclaimer under CFR Section 1.321(c) is attached hereto.